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Reporting for the week ending September 18, 2011.

General

Cooler temperatures and thunderstorms occurred throughout Arkansas during the latter part of last week as another cold front moved into the state. With the exception of Texarkana, temperatures were at or below normal last week, reaching as low as 6 degrees below normal at Gilbert. Low temperatures ranged from 45 degrees Fahrenheit at Gilbert to 57 degrees Fahrenheit at El Dorado, Monticello, and Texarkana. High temperatures ranged from 89 degrees Fahrenheit at Newport to 106 degrees Fahrenheit at Texarkana. Thunderstorms and scattered showers brought rain to all parts of the state last week as all 36 reporting stations reported some measurable precipitation. Topsoil moisture supplies were 21 percent very short, 47 percent short, 31 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 24 percent very short, 49 percent short, and 27 percent adequate. Producers had 6.2 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crops

Corn harvest reached 85 percent complete last week. Eighty-two percent of the cotton crop was opening bolls, and cotton producers had harvested 2 percent of the crop by week's end. The rice crop reached 84 percent ripe and 42 percent harvested. Ninety-seven percent of the sorghum crop reached maturity, and 71 percent of the crop was harvested by the end of the week. The soybean crop was 47 percent yellowing, 29 percent shedding, 19 percent mature, and 12 percent harvested. Winter wheat producers were just beginning to get their crop in the ground as 2 percent of the crop was planted last week.

Livestock

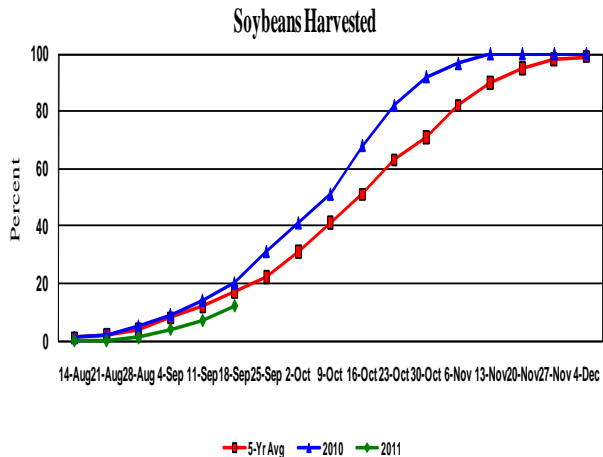
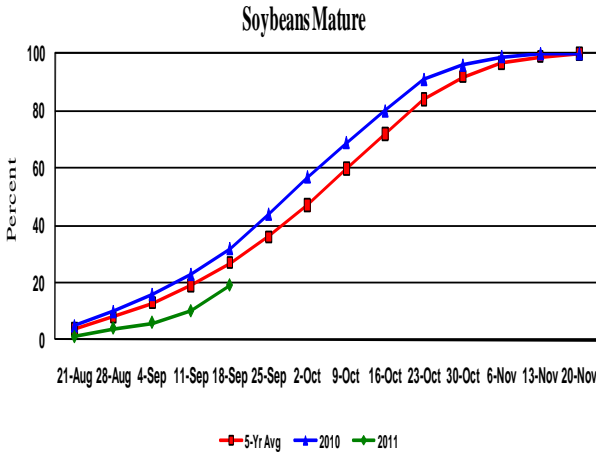
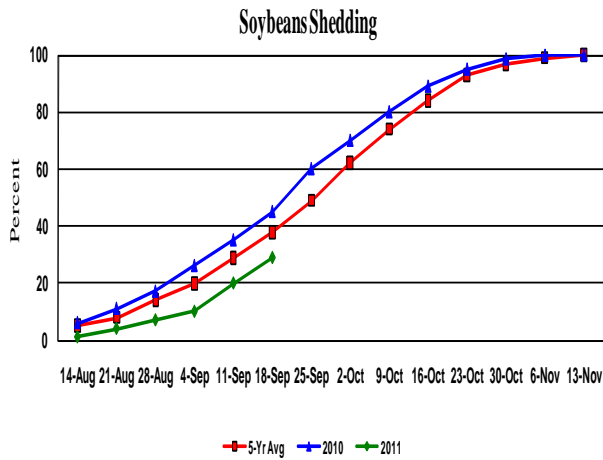
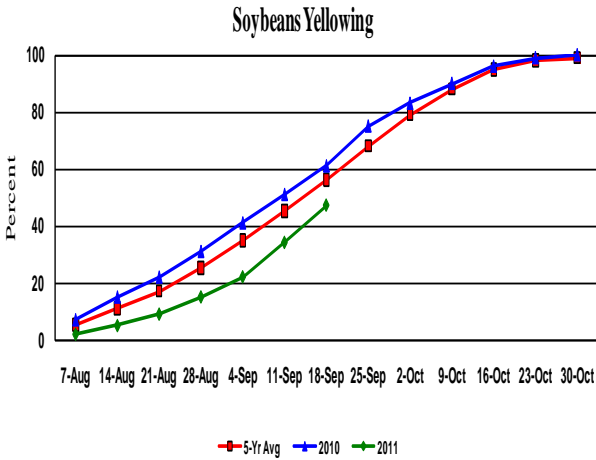
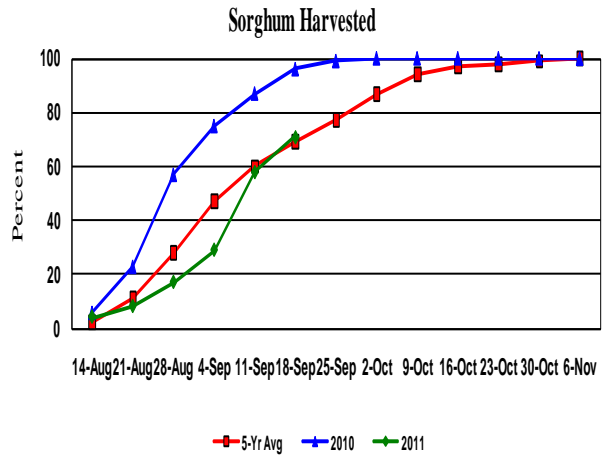
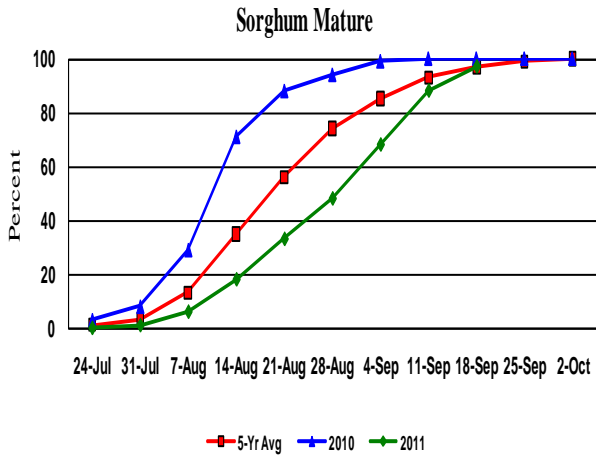
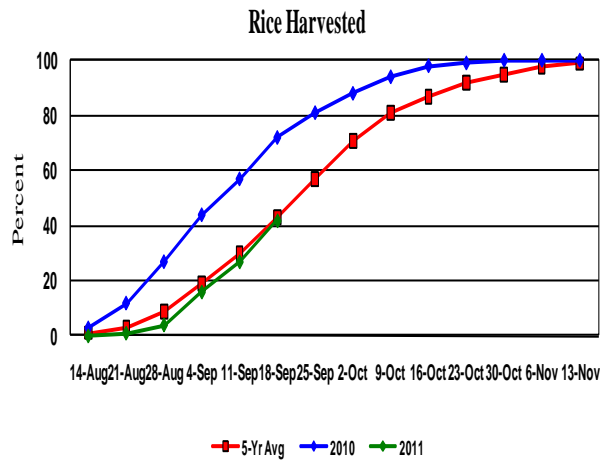
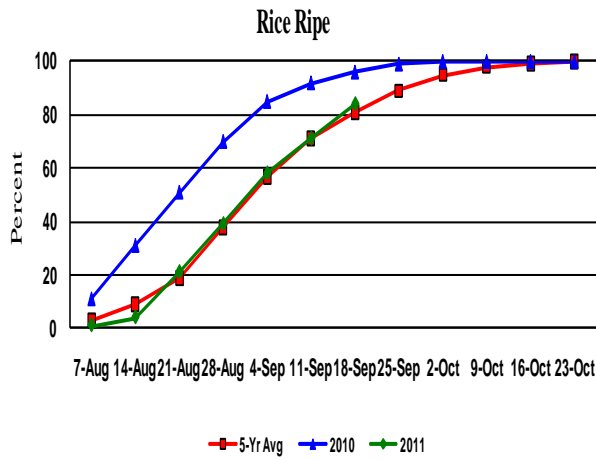
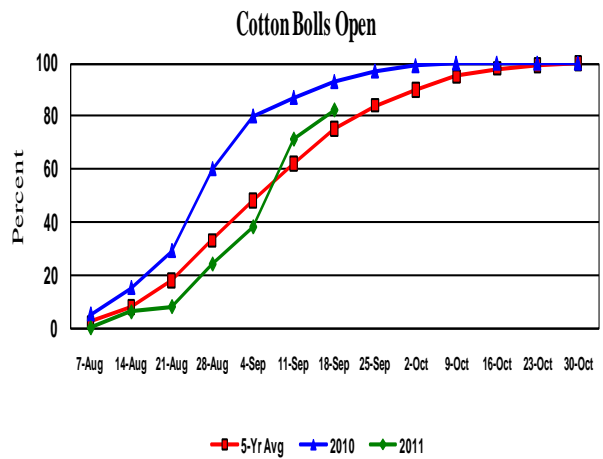
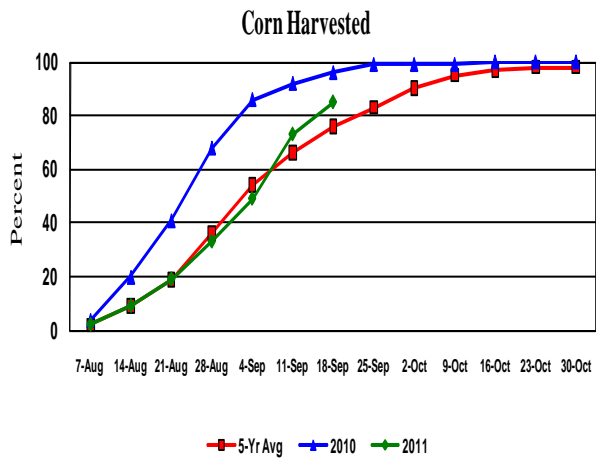
Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. Pasture and range and hay crops continued to need more rain as the majority of the crops remained in poor to fair condition. Producers were seeding cool season forages last week.

Percent of Progress

Crop	Stage	Current Week	Previous Week	2010	5-Year Avg
Corn	Mature	100	99	100	99
	Harvested	85	73	96	76
Cotton	Opening Bolls	82	71	93	75
	Harvested	2	0	21	9
Rice	Ripe	84	71	96	81
	Harvested	42	27	72	43
Sorghum	Mature	97	88	100	97
	Harvested	71	58	96	69
Soybeans	Setting Pods	100	99	100	100
	Yellowing	47	34	61	56
	Shedding	29	20	45	38
	Mature	19	10	32	27
	Harvested	12	7	20	17
Winter Wheat	Planted	2	0	1	1

Condition in Percentages

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	5	17	41	32	5
Cotton	1	11	30	37	21
Rice	0	13	35	43	9
Sorghum	3	11	40	37	9
Soybeans	3	18	38	32	9
Hay-Alfalfa	12	48	30	8	2
Hay-Other	23	35	35	7	0
Pasture and Range	27	35	32	6	0



Temperatures and Precipitation Week Ending September 18, 2011									
District	Station	Temperatures			Rainfall				
		High	Low	Dep from Normal *	Wk Ending Sep 18	4 wk Accum	4 wk Normal	Year-to-Date	
								2011	Normal
Northwest	Fayetteville	96	50	-3	1.80	1.91	3.94	40.35	34.06
	Harrison	96	48	-3	2.40	2.43	3.83	38.71	33.48
N. Central	Calico Rock	98	46	-4	1.69	2.19	3.52	37.22	33.75
	Gilbert	94	45	-6	0.72	2.31	3.54	36.31	32.79
	Greers Ferry	91	52	-4	2.73	4.26	3.38	39.33	36.62
	Mtn. Home	98	48	-5	2.08	2.99	3.69	42.11	33.05
Northeast	Batesville	92	52	-4	2.00	3.05	3.27	40.54	34.53
	Blytheville	92	52	-4	1.03	1.13	2.59	33.27	37.71
	Jonesboro	94	54	-2	2.04	3.33	2.71	36.70	33.51
	Keiser	95	54	-4	1.31	1.40	2.83	45.31	36.99
	Newport	89	52	-5	2.14	3.01	2.89	37.60	35.27
W. Central	Booneville	99	54	-2	2.34	2.50	3.22	37.61	34.51
	Clarksville	93	53	-4	1.43	1.59	3.15	33.95	33.60
	Dardanelle	93	53	-3	1.13	1.13	2.82	36.82	34.95
	Ft. Smith	99	56	-2	1.17	1.80	3.20	32.03	32.10
	Mena	96	51	-2	2.52	2.73	3.64	33.30	41.64
	Ozark	92	53	-5	1.88	1.93	3.00	35.03	32.63
Central	Conway	91	54	-3	1.28	2.00	2.83	40.74	34.63
	Hot Springs	99	51	-3	1.79	3.08	3.43	37.93	41.56
	Little Rock	94	55	-3	0.84	2.14	2.93	36.60	36.47
	Morrilton	94	54	-4	1.27	1.59	2.81	38.39	34.32
	N. Little Rock	92	54	-3	1.48	2.60	3.03	40.99	35.63
E. Central	Brinkley	90	54	-3	0.90	2.56	2.45	44.21	36.61
	Marianna	92	55	-2	0.54	0.68	2.39	42.06	38.98
	Stuttgart	93	55	-4	0.67	1.71	2.21	37.69	35.65
	West Memphis	98	55	-1	0.82	0.82	2.71	35.04	38.94
Southwest	DeQueen	103	56	0	1.66	1.86	3.06	29.90	38.79
	Hope	102	55	-1	0.73	1.15	3.54	25.73	39.26
	Texarkana	106	57	3	1.35	1.54	2.82	20.12	33.58
S. Central	Camden	102	55	-1	0.53	2.83	3.05	30.16	38.86
	El Dorado	102	57	0	0.15	2.01	2.80	22.04	40.71
	Warren	100	54	-1	0.10	0.79	3.24	20.17	41.36
Southeast	Eudora	99	56	-2	0.28	1.03	2.93	27.75	43.24
	Monticello	98	57	-2	0.23	2.46	2.78	28.85	41.47
	Pine Bluff	98	55	-2	0.48	1.25	2.55	30.54	38.11
	Rohwer	91	55	-4	0.25	1.50	2.32	30.22	38.34

* Departure from normal = $\frac{(\text{high} - \text{low})}{2}$ - 30 year average

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